

# FIRST UNDER-RIVER TRANSIT FOR CITY COMES WITH 1907

Next March New Yorkers Will Be Speeding 30,000 an Hour Through Belmont Tunnel to Long Island City.

"Happy New Year to New York's new tunnel!" The \$6,000,000 Belmont tunnel is practically completed. Before March 4 in all probability the last sandhog will have crept out of its twin tubes connecting Forty-second street, Manhattan, and Fourth street, Long Island City, and by St. Patrick's Day trains will be roaring "full fathom five" under the keels of East River craft.

Of the many tunnels built from Manhattan Island to points east and west, the Belmont Tunnel will probably be the first to be put into actual use. What a tremendous feat of engineering has been accomplished in its construction may be understood when it is stated that the first real work on a twin bore, which passes through Manhattan Rock, did not begin till October, 1905, when a shaft was sunk on the Manhattan side at Forty-second street, near the East River, another in Long Island City and another on Manhattan Rock, in the middle of the East River.

Work Was Unceasing. Since that time work has gone forward night and day, without losing a single stroke of the big air-compressing plant at the foot of East Forty-second street and while New Yorkers and Long Islanders have worked, ate, slept, married and given in marriage on both sides of the river, men, white and black, have toiled in a pressure of three atmospheres that the two shores may be joined by the first practicable tunnel under the East River.

To the chief engineer of the Dugan Contracting Company, St. John, N. Y., who has the credit of having completed the submarine communication, which in less than three months will mean so much to New Yorkers. Although no one around the tunnel engineer's headquarters says very much about it in company, the completion of the tunnel means to them a victory over the old city sharp of the Pennsylvania who are pushing their company's tunnel from Third to Fourth street, Manhattan, to Long Island City.

First Glimpse. By the kindness of Mr. Clarke an Evening World reporter was allowed today to have the first real outsider's glimpse of the work and his associates have been pushing forward.

Before being lowered the 12 feet to the level of the vertical tubes, where the ironworkers are still busy riveting on the inside plates which will constitute the cement, a visit to Dr. McCort, of the contractor's medical force, is necessary. After the doctor has put a stethoscope over the man who is going "into the air," the stranger is shown a big steel cylinder like a vertical boiler. This is a reproduction, on a smaller scale, of the tubes below, and contains two chambers. In the inner one, fitted with a spring coil, a victim of the air is placed till he recovers enough, under the pressure forced into the chamber, to be removed into the outer compartment, where the atmospheric conditions are gradually reduced to normal.

After seeing this and feeling the tremendous relief of air from his exhausted lungs, a visitor gets some faint idea of the difficulties engineers who bore holes under rivers have to contend with.

In the Belmont Tunnel there are employed 150 "sandhogs," who work suits of eight hours. They are all negroes—Italians have been tried, but one experience in the blow-in is generally enough for them. Air that manifests itself in the form of clouds of steam, as does "the air," is too unhealthy for the Southern temperament. These men work under strict rules of hygiene. A tobacco or whiskey heart isn't the thing to "blow into the air." Some of the "sandhogs," though, are not as strict as the doctors would like. Suppose they are not allowed to drink, they are asked, "I don't want about drink," said Chief Assistant Engineer Naylor, in whose charge the Evening World reporter had been placed. "Some of them never drink water, but the heads sets them if they hit it up long enough."

Bedlam of Noises. The company on the elevator that lowers the tunnel workers from the surface to the lower level is not always

## RIPPERGER IS AGAIN ATTACKED BY YOUNG THUGS

Long Island City Postmaster Terribly Beaten in Street Near Home.

George Ripperger, Postmaster of Long Island City, was attacked by three young men as he was returning from a New Year's party early to-day, and beaten into insensibility at Beech avenue and Crescent street. He was found by citizens and taken to St. John's Hospital. His head is cut open in three places by blackjacks and his body is a mass of bruises from kicks.

Ripperger became conscious after several hours, but his information as to his assailants did not help the police. He declared he did not recognize them and that they said nothing to him before they fell upon him and beat him. Evidently robbery was not their object as his watch, jewelry and pocket-book, in which was a large sum of money, were not taken.

The police think the men were thugs employed by somebody angered by his activity at the last election. Three laid in wait for him at a deserted spot only a block from his home at No. 270 Academy street, in the Dutch Kills section. The police arrested several young men on suspicion, but Ripperger could not identify them.

Soon after the majority election of 1905, Ripperger was assaulted in Astoria, and claimed his enemies in politics beat him, but Ripperger could not identify them.

Ripperger would not discuss today the possible reason for the assault. He is forty years old and is serving his third term as Postmaster.

"HOUR-GLASS" 1907 FIGURE.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Women who would be fashionable must prepare to lace themselves into the "hour-glass" figure during 1907, say London dressmakers. The athletic waist is to give way to the wasp waist.

This means a reduction of the girth of several inches in the average figure. Dressmakers say it will be fashionable, and that when stylish women come to set used to the change it will be most popular.

## ROOSEVELT HAS HEARTY NEW YEAR GREETING FOR ALL

White House Reception Was a Brilliant but Democratic Affair.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Each year the White House doors swing open to all the nation on Jan. 1, and a heartier welcome was never extended to visitors than greeted the thousands who called today to pay their respects to the Chief Executive. New Year's cheer banished rank and class distinctions. The President, with the exception of Col. Charles S. Bromwell and Capt. McCoy, who were the introductions.

The former included Lieut. Commander Albert L. Key, U. S. N.; Capt. Arthur E. Harding, United States Marine Corps; Lieut. Commander Shackford, U. S. N.; Capt. Fitzhugh Lee, U. S. Cavalry; Lieut. Douglas MacArthur, Corps of Engineers; Lieut. C. R. Train, U. S. N.; Lieut. Philip H. Sheridan, U. S. Cavalry; and Ensign Semmes, U. S. N.

With the exception of the members of the diplomatic corps, all the introductions to the President were made by Col. Bromwell, and to Mrs. Roosevelt by Capt. McCoy. At each caller the President he was given a cordial shake of the hand.

Visitors Presented. Mrs. Roosevelt carried a handsome bouquet of roses. The diplomatic corps were presented to the President by Assistant Secretary of State Huntington Wilson, each head of the foreign mission in turn introducing to the President the members of his staff.

Heading the diplomats was Baron Mayer des Planches, Ambassador from Italy, the dean of the corps, followed in turn by the other foreign representatives.

Among the new faces in the corps

was Senor Carbo, the Minister from Ecuador, and Senor Cortes, the Minister from Colombia, and Dr. Don Luis Linaur, the newly appointed Minister from Uruguay. Sir Mortimer Durand, who has just vacated the post of Ambassador from Great Britain at Washington, was always a conspicuous figure at the Presidential social functions. King Edward was represented today by Esme Howard, Charge d'Affaires.

Following the Diplomatic Corps came the representatives of the judicial branch of the Government at Washington, headed by the Justices of the Supreme Court. Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller came first, the associate justices following.

Many of the members of the Senate and House had gone home for the holidays. The Commissioners and various officials of the District of Columbia were in line.

The officers of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps and of the District National Guard in special full dress presented an imposing spectacle. A civilian contingent made up of the members of the various independent bureaus and commissions and assistant secretaries in the Executive Department was followed by the members of the Army and Navy societies in Washington. There are a large number of these organizations.

Just of all came the general public, thousands of whom had been in the several hours waiting their turn, and for the time being the doors of the White House were open to all. There were old and young, white and colored, men and women.

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